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MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES
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CLUSTER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Group of Ministers has been constituted to review the existing Cluster Development Programme;

(b) if so, whether the Government has extended financial assistance to the tune of Rs. 61 crores for the development of 156 clusters under the micro and small enterprises cluster development programmes;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether diagnostic study of 172 clusters has been undertaken to understand the problems of these clusters and address them;

(e) if so, whether the Government provides 90% financial assistance for enhancing the productivity of a cluster;

(f) if so, the details thereof; (g) whether the Group of Ministers has submitted the report; and (h) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER FOR MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Ministry of MSME has been implementing 'Micro and Small Enterprises Cluster Development Programme' (MSE-CDP) under which 156 clusters have been taken up for development, and another 172 clusters taken up for diagnostic studies. State/ UT wise details of Government of India assistance of Rs. 61 crore released for this purpose till 31.12.2007 is provided at Annex.

(e) & (f) Under MSE-CDP, Government of India assistance is limited up to 80% of the project cost of Rs. 10 crore (90% of project cost in case of clusters owned/ managed by women entrepreneurs), depending upon the nature of interventions, Common Facility Centres (CFCs), etc.

(g) No, Sir.

(h) Does not arise.